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BLAZE RAISES THE ROOF

Nearly 100 firemen banded together to tackle a thatch blaze in a large house near Canterbury.

The fire took hold of the second floor and roof of the cottage in Denton Lane, Wootton, just before 11am on Thursday, June 17. The owners managed to escape the unexplained fire unharmed.

More than 10 fire crews and members of the urban rescue team, who are trained to use chainsaws, were called to break up the thatch and prevent the rapid spread of the fire.

Firemen in gas masks rescued the owners' possessions. The fire was out by 10.40pm the same day.

EXCLUSIVE

BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

A "RARE" and "complicated" archaeological excavation has led to the Beany development on Canterbury's High Street being delayed by six months.

The council's library and exhibition space, which will double in size when its extension is built, was due to open in the autumn of 2011. Citizens will instead have to wait until spring 2012 to visit the finished building.

Archaeological site manager Mick Diack said: "This is a very significant and rare opportunity to look at a site right in the middle of Canterbury. We only get to dig when a developer is working and it is rare to get something right in the middle of town like that."

"The site had not been disturbed significantly, which is very rare. A lot of the buildings on the high street have cellars and have been quite badly chopped about."

"We found a hugely detailed sequence of buildings spanning the entire Roman period and through to the Anglo-Saxon period, so having all that in condensed form in one spot is quite unusual."

"The area is only 10m by 13m and we have had absolutely everything in it. It is very condensed and complicated archaeology."

And this is why the excavation took so long; archaeologists have to carefully dig many areas with trowels and record, photograph and document everything they see as they dig

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Film student turns her camera on city's homelessness taboo

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

AN ASPIRING documentary maker has created a hard-hitting short film about Canterbury's homelessness problem.

Rosemarie Hugill, who is just finishing her film studies at the University of Kent and is expected to get a first-class degree, juxtaposed interviews with homeless people, scenes of Canterbury's destitute population and news footage to create an avant-garde exposé of the issue, entitled *Underpass*.

According to workers at the Scrine Foundation, a homelessness charity in the city, the number of rough sleepers in Canterbury has been steadily increasing since the organisation's night shelter was forced to close in October, last year.

Snapshot

Terry Gore, who works at the Scrine Foundation, said: "This film puts everything into perspective. It shows a very complex problem in a fairly simple way, but gets it across completely."

"This film will bring the problem home a bit more because a lot of people don't truly understand the realities unless they have some knowledge of homelessness by working in or around the business, or spending time with homeless people."

"The film gives you a snapshot, visually and with the voices over the top, of what life is like and the reality of what the closure of the night shelter really meant."

Miss Hugill wants to raise awareness of the problem with her film.

She said: "I believe there are many



ON THE STREETS: A scene from Rosemarie Hugill's short documentary, *Underpass*

misconceptions surrounding homelessness, many that I myself harboured before I started making this documentary."

"Homelessness seems to be quite a taboo subject and is often ignored. Society appears to have become desensitised towards homelessness."

"With *Underpass*, I hope to create some understanding and awareness about homelessness, as well as stressing the importance of charities such as the Scrine Foundation, which is dedicated to helping those in need."

She made the film after finding out the Scrine Foundation's night shelter was being forced to close.

She said: "I was shocked that in the 21st century something so inhumane was allowed to happen. The more I learned, however, the more disillusioned I became. Seriously ill and vulnerable people are falling through cracks in the system and are not getting the help they need and deserve."

"The Scrine Foundation was providing these people with this necessary aid that, in my opinion, Kent County Council should have been providing in the first place."

"The fact that it would then withdraw crucial funding to the Scrine Foundation's night shelter, causing its closure, is unacceptable."

The film proved so popular at its premiere that it will have a second screening at the university's Cinema 3, and the Lounge on the Farm festival, at Merton Farm next month, will project the film in support of the Scrine Foundation. To see the film visit www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

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Project will resume with villa demolition

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deeper. Archaeologists now think that, in Roman times, the site was a bustling workshop area near the forum with a metal-working area, a tavern, bone-carvers and a bakery.

The many finds from the site will be at a special exhibition at the city museum during the Canterbury Festival and later on October 23.

They will become part of a permanent exhibition at the new Beane when it is built.

Among the finds have been a gold Roman chain bracelet, a tiny gemstone carved with cupid, intricate Roman pottery and a delicate medieval carved bone comb.

Janice McGuinness, the council's

head of culture, said: "All the discoveries at the Beane have been absolutely fascinating."

"The finds are being extensively catalogued and we can't wait to put them on show later in the year so people can find out more about everyday life in Roman Canterbury and later times."

The archaeological dig is now finished and so building work can begin.

In the next few weeks contractors working on the city council project will demolish the Kingsbridge Villas to allow room for the Beane's new extension.

They will also start laying foundations.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Lions fund-raisers a roaring success

THE Lions are thanking the people of Canterbury for helping the club raise £5,000 for charity in the last few months.

In the run-up to Easter, pubs and clubs donated nearly £3,000 in a bid to win a basket of chocolate eggs.

And last month the Lions organised a supermarket sweep at Morrisons in Wincheap, where shoppers bid for the chance to win a three-minute grab along the aisles.

This raised a further £2,000. Since August, last year, the Lions have raised £17,000 for good causes.

Club president John Burton said: "We are extremely grateful to all those who have supported us so generously."

Three-year residency rule for city cabbies?

ALL new taxi drivers will have to live in the district for three years before being granted a licence if a council plan goes ahead.

Council officials have proposed the new rules should apply to private hire drivers who are phoned by fares beforehand.

Hackney drivers, who can pick anyone up from anywhere, already have to fulfil the condition.

Vicki Sanders of Whitstable Cars welcomed the move. She said: "This is a good idea because there is precious little work here for locals. If you have people coming in from other parts, that makes it more difficult."

"It's more comforting for the passengers. We do get a lot of comments from people saying they don't want foreign drivers. Sometime older residents can find having a foreign driver unnerving."

"I think the main quality you need is to be able to speak the language, which doesn't always happen."

But some taxi company owners were less keen.

John Hadlow, of Canterbury Cars, believes the restrictions would mean fewer good drivers in the area.

He said: "At the end of the day, if someone wants to work and they want to work hard, what does it matter where they live?"

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"It is always a problem to get good, qualified drivers. You can get some people who are probably not suitable to the job. To find a really good private hire driver is quite hard."

"What you are looking for is quality; drivers who would get out and help old people into a car, or who would go to your door with your shopping – that sort of thing."

"I hate to say it, but there are not too many people that would do that. So, by restricting people by saying they have to live in a certain area, why?"

And Ian Brenchley of ZCars called the idea a "desperation measure" by the council aimed at curtailing excess drivers in an industry which has been affected by the recession.

Another new requirement for taxi drivers includes a compulsory health check-up every five years from when employees apply for a licence, rather than after the age of 45, as is currently the case. A decision will be made by the general purposes committee on Monday, at the Guildhall.



FOR HIRE: Cabbies in Canterbury gave a mixed reaction to new residency proposals

Queen honours dedicated four

FOUR dedicated people in the district have been commended by the Queen in her Birthday Honours list.

Canterbury's George Jenkins, vice-chairman of NHS Blood and Transport, and chairman of South London healthcare, has been awarded an OBE for services to healthcare.

The city's Margaret Greenway, who used to be the commissioning services resource manager for the Kent probation area has been awarded an MBE for services to probation.

Paul Marsh, also from Canterbury, has been given an MBE for his service while principal officer at the city's prison.

And Maureen Smith, from Whitstable, also received an MBE for services to the community in her home town.

Ear-bite victim needs surgery

A FIGHT in Herne Bay saw a victim send for specialist treatment after having part of his ear bitten off.

A 19-year-old from the town was sent to East Grinstead Hospital, which specialises in reconstructive surgery, after the fight in Central Parade near the clock tower at about 10pm on Friday, June 11.

A 31-year-old man has been arrested in connection with the attack and for public order offences, and has been bailed until Friday, June 25.

Police ask anyone with information to contact Det Con Roz Friend on rosalynd.friend@kent.pnn.police.uk or 01843 222 042. Alternatively, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Register now and have your say on licensing matters

RESIDENTS have a chance to give the city council their views on pubs, clubs and other licensed businesses in the district.

If people register to speak at the annual licensing committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, next week, at the Guildhall, Canterbury, they can air their views about how licensed premises are operating.

Call Jemma Richards on 862009 or email jemmarichards@canterbury.gov.uk before 12.30pm on Tuesday, June 29.

Speakers cannot talk for longer than three minutes and the council would like people to say what subject they will be talking about and which questions they will be asking. The meeting will start at 10am.

Mugged for iPod

A TEENAGER has been arrested after a man was mugged for his iPod on Sunday evening.

The victim was walking in St Dunstan's Street, Canterbury, at 8.15pm when he was threatened and handed over his music player.

He called the police who, half an hour later, arrested a Canterbury teenager in nearby Whitstable Road and questioned him about the robbery.

Delight as KOS Media joins Archant Regional portfolio

KOS Media, publisher of this newspaper and the award-winning Kent on Sunday, has been acquired by the Archant Regional media group.

Archant Regional is the UK's largest independently-owned regional media business, with four daily regional newspapers and about 60 weekly titles with a combined circulation of 2.25 million every week.

It has been a minority shareholder in KOS Media since 2005 and Archant's London division publishes 21 weekly newspapers across London and Kent, including the Kentish Times series which includes the Gravesend Reporter, Dartford Times, Bromley Times and Bexley Times.

KOS Media launched in 2002 and its portfolio includes the Yourlocal series as well as Kent on Sunday, Kent on Saturday and weekend papers in Tunbridge Wells and west Kent, and associated websites.

Archant chief executive Adrian Jeakings said: "We are delighted to bring KOS Media fully into our portfolio of regional titles. This acquisition strengthens Archant's presence in Kent and provides a springboard for further investment. We look forward to working with managing director Paul Stannard and his team

to develop this vibrant business."

Mr Stannard said: "I'm delighted Archant has taken on full ownership of KOS Media. We will benefit from ownership by a large, well-financed, independent group with ambitious plans to grow the business."

In 2005, Kent on Sunday was the first and only free newspaper to win the overall UK Regional Newspaper of the Year. Kent on Saturday, its sister title, was launched in 2005.

KOS Media was the first regional media company in the UK to offer an app for the iPhone. The free Kent News app included full search facilities as well as the kentnews.co.uk websites and page-turning e-editions all in one application. The company also pioneered page-turning regional e-papers.

KOS Media has a total audience in excess of 500,000 readers per week, according to latest independent market research, and recent independent audits of its newspapers and websites show a reach of more than one third of the adults in Kent.

Mr Stannard said: "KOS Media looks forward to working further with readers and advertisers right across the county to develop, innovate and invest in Kent's future, prosperity and success."



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RISING STAR: The new Marlowe Theatre is in Canterbury is on track to re-open in autumn next year

Ceremony tops off building work at theatre

BUILDERS and dignitaries were among those who gathered yesterday for the new Marlowe Theatre's topping-out ceremony.

Architect, developers, commissioners and future theatre goers marked the project's latest milestone when the top brick was laid at the landmark project.

The project's architect, Keith Williams, said: "The redevelopment of the Marlowe Theatre is one of the most important capital arts projects in this country.

"I am delighted that this critical point has been reached, which leaves the project on track for opening in the autumn of next year.

"I believe the new Marlowe will have a transformative effect on arts and culture in the South East; at the same time endowing Canterbury with a truly exceptional new building. In these difficult economic times, this is a very good news story indeed."

The Natural Theatre Company and pupils from Canterbury High School performed street theatre at the event, with scenes based on life at a building site.

The £25.6 million project was commissioned by Canterbury council to provide a bigger and better theatre for the city which would attract more celebrated performers and shows, and also enable local groups to make better use of the building.

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There will also be open public areas, a riverside walk, cafés, bars, a terrace and a piazza for outdoor performances.

The leaders of the Conservatives, Liberal Democrats and Labour at Canterbury council, John Gilbey, Alex Perkins and Julia Seath made a joint statement about how far the project has come.

They said: "Building work has been proceeding really well. The project is on time and on budget and our contractors ISG Jackson are doing an excellent job.

"It is exciting to see our wonderful new theatre taking shape so quickly."

To mark the occasion, performers will be taking to the streets of Canterbury on Saturday between Longmarket and The Friars from 11am to 2pm.

Three of the five companies set to perform have been commissioned by the council as part of the Marlowe Artists' Development project: Little Bulb Theatre, Bright Shadow and Galloping Cuckoos.

There will also be an information kiosk in The Friars where people can ask questions about the theatre and its fundraising effort.

Philanthropist and former international businessman Allan Willett, the Lord Lieutenant of Kent, recently gave £100,000 towards building the new theatre.

RNLI rescues sick man from yacht

AN RAF helicopter, the Whitstable lifeboat, the coastguard and the ambulance service were all mobilised when a man was taken severely ill on a yacht.

The Thames coastguard received a distress call just after 3pm last Wednesday, from the 35ft vessel Spitfire which reported a 40-year-old crew member had severe chest pains and could be having a heart attack.

An RAF Sea King helicopter was scrambled from Wattisham in Suffolk and the Whitstable lifeboat crew managed to get their craft on to the water in 10 minutes.

The lifeboat was first on the scene and

found the Spitfire, which was sailing from Essex to Queensborough, off Harty Ferry in the Swale channel.

A lifeboat crew member gave the sick man oxygen. When the helicopter arrived lifeboatmen got the man aboard the lifeboat, and from there he was winched up to the helicopter and flown to the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford.

Lifeboat helmsman Richard Judge said: "The casualty was one of five crew aboard the yacht. When we arrived he was conscious but in severe pain."

This was the Whitstable lifeboat's 25th callout this year.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Drug addict back in court

DRUG addict Vincent Owens who stole perfume from Boots days after being given a court discharge was described as a victim of 'life's snakes and ladders'.

Miss Owens, 26, of High Street, Herne Bay, admitted the theft at Canterbury Magistrates Court.

Kerry Waitt, defending, said the young mother had limited access to her eight-year-old son because of her drug addiction.

He said: "Her lifestyle resembles the game snakes and ladders. She climbs the ladder to become drug free and then treads on a snake and her life spirals downwards."

Ian Callaway, prosecuting, said days earlier Owens had admitted stealing meat from the Co-op in Herne Bay and was given a conditional discharge. She was given a 12-month supervision order to include drug rehabilitation treatment, ordered to pay compensation for the perfume plus £85 costs.

Film studies scholarship

THE Jackie Chan Charitable Foundation has launched a film scholarship at the University of Kent.

The new stipend will give a Hong Kong graduate £15,000 towards tuition fees and accommodation if they study for a master's degree in film studies at the university's Canterbury or new Paris campus.

Sir David Akers-Jones, chairman of the foundation, He said: "We are delighted to support this scholarship which provides the opportunity to study at one of the UK's most exciting film studies departments."

Beer thief was depressed

A SHOPLIFTER who walked into Sainsbury's in Canterbury and helped himself to a case of beer has appeared in front of the city's magistrates.

Matthew Parker, 35, admitted stealing the beer worth £23.93 and having a 'considerable criminal record'.

Ian Bond, defending, said Parker, 35, had been celebrating his birthday the day before and was broke. He added that Parker was depressed after the break-up of a long-term relationship.

Parker, of Pine Tree Avenue, Canterbury was given a 12-month conditional discharge.



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Gate house cells to be part of new museum



GREAT VIEW: A glimpse of the River Stour from a cell

PRISON buildings never yet seen by the public are to open for the first time, after a benevolent businessman assured access to the West Gate Towers for 40 years.

Yourcanterbury was given exclusive access to the hidden cells and guardrooms, which will soon be part of the revamped museum.

Charles Lambie, a property investor who is also the chairman of the trustees for Canterbury Archaeological Trust, has successfully bid to lease the 14th century gate house from the council for 40 years.

Mr Lambie said: "Whatever I set up, whatever happens to me, this will continue. I am confident that it will work out financially. Museums don't make money, but this ought to be able to cover its staffing overhead.

"The research has shown that about 20 per cent of people who use the café will come into the museum. We will be promoting the towers, and the entrance itself should be much more visible.

"At the moment it is only open three hours a week – now it will be open all the time. Canterbury has about three million visitors a year. It would be wonderful to think maybe five or 10 per cent of those might come through the West Gate Towers."

The businessman will spend £250,000 of his own money to revamp the museum with a law

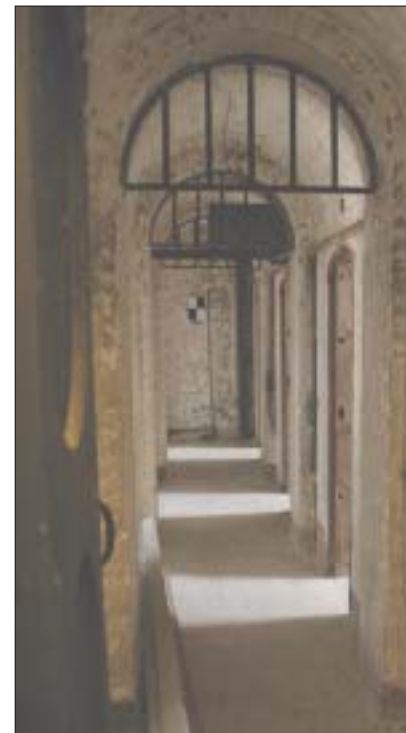
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and defence theme. He will keep it open for the public by joining it with the neighbouring One Pound Lane building, which used to be a prison and police station.

Mr Lambie said: "The main difference is the entrance will no longer be tucked away inside the towers. A lot of people don't know it is open. "We are re-opening and re-creating the original jail entrance at the front of Pound Lane where it faces St Peter's Street.



RE-OPENING: The cells which once housed debtors and felons. Left, Charles Lambie at the West Gate Towers

"The felons' day rooms on the ground floor, which are currently disused public toilets, are going to be re-opened with a glazed access to the café, and you will be able to look all the way through into the old prison yard.

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What is the Kent Children Fund Network?

A The Kent Children's Fund Network (KCFN) is a charity and voluntary organisation based in Kent. Our three main priorities are participation, play and training. Our aim is empowering children and young people, parents and carers to grow their potential through participation and play.

Practically speaking, that means we provide and promote play in every aspect of life here in Kent. That means getting more play back into schools, promoting playgrounds and play areas, providing opportunities for children that don't get the chance to play. We also work with parents to teach them how to play with their children at home.

We also try and debunk a lot of the myths about health and safety. The focus is all about enriching children's lives in Kent.

Has play been neglected?

A It is recognised that in the last five to 10 years in the UK we have lost something when it comes to playfulness and children's play.

If you look back 20 to 30 years, children were playing on the street. It was a normal thing to see children at play everywhere. Now very few of them leave their home unless they are under their parent's supervision.

This is because a lot of fear has been spread

through the media and people just don't feel safe letting their children take the lead. We need to let kids be kids.

jumped at the chance to work for this organisation.

Q Where did your interest in play come from?

A It's just part of who I am. I was always looking after children who were younger than me. I think it is very important that children have a fulfilling childhood because that leads to a fulfilled adult life. I had a fantastic childhood, my parents did a great job of raising me.

I had so many opportunities as a child. At the time I just thought that was normal but actually I was just one of a few lucky children that have those sorts of opportunities presented to them all the time.

Q How did you first get involved in working with children?

A I grew up in Canada and there was a brilliant volunteering programme run by the council. I was one of 300 volunteers in Vancouver who got involved in every aspect of youth provision and play, such as running day camp programmes and summer camp programmes and working with children with disabilities.

I then went to Hong Kong doing a similar job, then to Holland, back to Canada and finally here in England in Kent. Working with children has always been my passion and I

Q What happens after the funding from the Big Lottery stops?

A We are keen to see the festival continue. The hope is now we have done a lot of the ground work such as risk assessments etc, a group of community volunteers with our support can take it over on a smaller budget.

How do parents get involved?

A Many parents have got involved in our programmes. A lot of the time families just simply come and take part and the parents who show up on the day get involved. We are always keen to hear from people who have seen our website.

What else would you like to do?

A There are lots of things. I have written books with a limited degree of success. I have a keen interest in international development and the reduction of poverty.

I would like to work in the disaster relief sector going into poor countries in the future, but at the moment it is all about children in Kent. I expect it to be that way for the next few years.

To find out more about the Kent Children's Fund Network visit www.kcfn.co.uk

The play manager for Kent Children's Fund Network talks to **Ed Hill** about encouraging children to boost their potential by participating in games, his childhood in Canada and how he began working with children





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THERE was once a time when the FA banned women from playing football after concluding the sport was "unsuitable" for the fairer sex.

Despite them having been involved in matches since the late 19th century, the decision in 1921 sent out the clear message that women and football just do not mix.

But try telling that to the more than 1.1 million females playing some form of the sport in England today, or the 26 million competing across the globe.

Thankfully, attitudes towards women's football have changed dramatically over the last few decades, to the point where a new professional Super League will be launched in this country in time for the 2011-12 season.

Liz Symons – women and girls development officer for the Kent County Football Association (KCFA) – hopes the league will attract more females into the sport.

"A huge amount of work goes into making girls aware they can play football," she said.

"It's traditionally a male sport, but in Kent we have 44 senior women's teams and more than 100 girls' teams. We've been very lucky in that everyone in the county supports the women's game, so we're able to promote it fully.

"We're getting there, but football has a lot of competition from more traditional female pastimes such as netball, horse-riding and ballet."

As well as encouraging females to play, coach and referee football, the KCFA also runs a girls' centre of excellence, based at Gillingham FC, for elite players.

The centre has already produced an England under-17 international, Deanna Cooper, and Liz hopes more will follow in her footsteps.

"Hopefully, the centre will help more girls go

The aim of KOS Media's Fab Football campaign is to increase participation in the sport at all levels. This week, reporter **STEVE KNIGHT** looks at the growth of girls' and women's football in Kent. Email fabfooty@kentfa.com with your comments and suggestions on the campaign



TROPHY TRIUMPH: Gillingham Ladies celebrate their Kent Cup victory

on to play for England or perhaps professionally in the Super League.

"Five or six members of the England women's team are in America getting paid to play, but it's our aspiration that when the

Super League starts we can help more women stay in this country.

"At the moment only the lucky ones get paid to play, while the rest are just doing it for fun."

One person who did have a lot of fun last sea-

son was Gills Ladies captain Becky Lyon, whose team clinched promotion to the Southern Premiership after winning the third division by ten points. They also won the Kent Cup. The 26-year-old, from Sittingbourne, has spent more than a decade at the club and says she could not see herself lining up for anyone else.

"Last season was an absolute dream for me and the girls," she said. "Our goal at the beginning was to get promoted and that's exactly what we did."

"I've played for Gillingham for a long time, from when we had little backing and no driving force. It's always been my ambition to play in the Southern Premiership, so to achieve that was brilliant."

Becky was 12 when she first started playing for Gillingham, but says a lot has changed with girls' football since then.

"When I was younger it was a lot different," she said. "There was only a handful of girls' clubs, especially at that age group. I think there was only one league, too, and that was five-a-side at Mote Park, Maidstone."

"That's why the centre of excellence at Gillingham is such a brilliant idea because it gives all these girls a direction to go in. The work that goes on at that level is just fantastic."

Girls and women interested in playing football can email liz.symons@kentfa.com.



LYON HEART: Gills Ladies captain Becky Lyon with trophy

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THE soundtrack of the World Cup is undoubtedly the 140 decibel blast of the vuvuzela – viewed either as a welcome African addition to the football festival or a major annoyance.

Sainsbury's stores across Kent are recording massive sales of the £2 red horns – mostly to young people.

The sound has also become a popular mobile phone ring-tone in the last few days.

So "vuvu fever" could become a permanent fixture of the UK sporting scene.

Bosses at Sainsbury's are congratulating themselves as the instruments fly off the shelves at a rate of one every couple of seconds across the UK.

The stores in Canterbury, Folkestone and Ashford have recorded good sales and the horns are stocked in a special football section.

Student Adam Hall from Hythe bought one just before the Brazil versus North Korea game. "It'll add to the atmosphere – I just hope the neighbours don't mind," he said.

A spokesman for Sainsbury's said: "We ordered a total of 75,000 of the horns knowing they will become a symbol of the World Cup and people will want to have their own."

But rivals Asda and Tesco have no plans to follow suit as market research says many people find them annoying. There have been calls for them to be banned from matches and a less noisy version is now on sale in South Africa

■ BY NICK AMES and JAMES ALEXANDER

A survey on the streets of Ashford revealed almost everyone knew what the instrument was.

Random comments included: "They should be banned," "Get them off my TV" but other people were keen to have a go – although not all managed to make a sound.

Office worker Martin Beresford said: "I think it just adds a real African flavour to what is going on. As for calling for them to be banned – what nonsense. What is the point in awarding the best event in the world to Africa and then taking away part of the continent's heritage?"

The BBC has tried to get coverage without the horn blasts while a German claims to have invented a computer programme which removes its sound from television coverage.

Freddie Maake is the man who claims to have invented the vuvuzela in 1970. He lives in the Tembisa township of Johannesburg and is proud of his creation. "It is our people's celebration and is not going away," he said. "This is South Africa's time to party and we'll do it at high volume. It's beautiful."

Mr Maake said he got the idea when he received a present – a bike with a horn.

He removed the air pump from the horn on an impulse and started blowing it.

A fan of local side Kaizer Chiefs took it to matches and the craze really started after a local



GETTING THE HORN: Africans celebrate at the football; and inset an England fan with a vuvuzela from Sainsbury's

company jumped onto the bandwagon and started to produce a commercial version of the home-made instrument.

South Africans also claim it was a great success originally as it either mimics the noise of a rhino or is based on a traditional way of signalling long distance between villages.

Mr Maake said: "I called it the vuvuzela in 1992 after South Africa was readmitted into international sport after the abolition of apartheid as this means three things in the Zulu language – welcome, unite and celebrate."

England's official supporters club back the use of the horns while the most objections seem to come from commentators and some journalists.

Three Lions fan Mike Hudson said: "The killjoys seem to be those who are being paid to be out there – what does that say about them?"

World Cup spokesman Rich Mkhondo added: "Vuvuzelas are here to stay and will never be banned. Look at them as part of our culture in South Africa to celebrate the 2010 World Cup."

To see how Kent took to the vuvuzela go to www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

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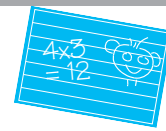
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BREAK TIME

Top 30 ranking for city's university

THE University of Kent is celebrating after being rated in the top 30 of the Guardian newspaper's league table.

Kent is ranked 27th of 118 universities, meaning the higher education institution has jumped nearly 20 places in the table compared to last year.

The Guardian league factors in what students think of their courses and teaching rather than their academic strength and research quality.

The newspaper's criteria is teaching quality, final-year student satisfaction levels, how much the university spends per student, staff-student ratios, graduate career prospects and the grades needed to attain a place.

Academics share cartography prize

ACADEMICS from Christ Church have been given an award by a prestigious map-making and studying group.

Dr Alex Kent and Professor Peter Vujakovic, head of geographical and life sciences at the university, have been awarded the British Cartographic Society's Henry Johns Award for the most outstanding article published in The Cartographic Journal.

Professor Vujakovic said: "It was a great honour to receive this award alongside Alex. It is a tribute to his hard work, dedication and enthusiasm for cartography, and I am glad to have played a part in his success."

Spires' hard work reflected in improved Ofsted report

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

THE schools inspectorate has praised the Spires Academy in Sturry for the quality of its teaching in its first full report on the school.

Ofsted, the schools regulatory body, inspected the school last month and issued its verdict earlier this month.

Inspectors said teaching at the school was 'outstanding' and 'good', and the school had improved significantly in terms of pupil attendance and how children progress through the school.

In the report head inspector Emma Ing said: "The quality of teaching in lessons taught by established staff has come on in leaps and bounds. There are now outstanding and good lessons taught consistently in many subjects."

Overall the school's rating was satisfactory, although it achieved a good rating for sustained improvement.

A report last year had said pupil attendance and achievement at GCSE was below the national average, but it is now in line with the national average.

The report said: "Most students now feel proud of their school, and this is reflected in their smart uniforms and much improved presentation of their work. In most, but not all lessons, students' behaviour is good."

"They arrive ready to learn, engage well with the tasks set and genuinely enjoy their work."

The school's head-teacher was singled out for



TOP CLASS: Staff and pupils of the Spires Academy were thrilled with the school's report from Ofsted inspectors

particular praise for her vision, dynamism and passion, but the inspectors indicated that high staff turnover was a concern.

Helen Foster, the Academy's head, said: "I am absolutely delighted with the Ofsted report and I think it is a true reflection of the

academy. It recognises the great progress we have made as a school community and the hard work of the staff and students.

"I was incredibly proud of the students over the two days of the inspection as they clearly wanted their school to do well."

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Police cuts 'will not harm services'

BUDGET cuts at Kent Police will not result in a reduction in frontline services, promises acting Chief Constable Adrian Leppard.



CHALLENGE:

Adrian Leppard

Mr Leppard says that despite the force having to identify almost £21 million of savings over the next three years, he is determined the public will not notice any difference to the service they receive.

Kent Police are in the early stages of their biggest ever reorganisation, which Mr Leppard will oversee until incoming Chief Constable Ian Learmonth arrives next month.

"The budget challenge is upon us and like all public services we are trying to find big-

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

ger savings over the next three years," he said. "There are many who think a cut to budgets means a cut to services, but this reorganisation is all about finding ways of working differently so frontline services can stay the same."

Mr Leppard revealed the force had already saved £5m through its collaboration with Essex Police, which includes the shared use of a helicopter and the launch this month of the new Serious Crime Directorate.

A small reduction in the number of officers and other staff is also likely, but the force would prefer to achieve this through natural wastage rather than redundancies.

Mr Leppard said: "A good result for us would be that we reorganise and the public doesn't notice any difference at all, but I have a more ambitious aim and that's to actually improve the level of service. Can we get out

to more crimes and can we investigate more instances of anti-social behaviour than before?"

"When the going gets tough, the tough get going, and Kent Police have a reputation for dealing with hard times effectively."

In addition to the £20.8m savings over the next three years, the force must also identify an additional £2.7m from the 2010-11 budget of £285m and is limiting the number of recruits by 60 this financial year.

Kent Police Authority chairwoman Ann Barnes promised the restructure would not have an adverse effect on frontline services.

She said: "We need to make savings and it's a pain that everyone shares. There's not a business or household in the country that isn't going through the same thing."

"I will make a personal commitment that frontline services will not be impacted."

"Due to the number of savings and efficiencies that must be made, the authority has to do more to ensure the force can work with what funding we have."

Mr Learmonth was announced as Kent's new Chief Constable last month, beating three other candidates to earn the right to replace former chief Mike Fuller.

The 52-year-old played a key role in an extensive reorganisation at Norfolk Constabulary, and his success was one of the factors in him landing the Kent job.

Mrs Barnes said: "Ian has extensive experience of this sort of thing. He's been there and done it so none of this will be new to him."

Alcohol strategy outlined

AREAS of Kent are "off the scale" for violence and sexual offences linked to alcohol.

Now a new three-year strategy has been developed by the Kent Action on Alcohol Steering Group to tackle the problem. The document outlines how agencies can work together to crack down on problems created by binge drinking and alcoholism.

There are about 200,000 "hazardous and harmful" drinkers living in Kent, with 11 per cent of males and 5.5 per cent of females exceeding the weekly recommended amount. A hazardous drinker is a woman who consumes up to 35 units per week, or a man up to 50 units.

In addition, the county has three districts - Dartford, Gravesham and Thanet - where alcohol-related violent crime is higher than the national average. And there are seven districts where the rate of alcohol-related sexual offences is higher than the national average - Ashford, Gravesham, Dartford, Maidstone, Shepway, Swale and Thanet.

Angela Slaven, director for youth and community support services at Kent County Council, helped devise the strategy.

She said: "It's part of a national scheme to reduce harm caused by alcohol and drugs. It recognises that most people drink sensibly and safely and don't have any issues, but

that for some it can be problematic."

"People who get into difficulties with alcohol often find themselves entering the criminal justice and healthcare systems, and that's why we need a strategy a range of agencies can use. No one group is responsible for alcohol abuse because it's a problem for all of us. This is about us saying let's be clear what we want to achieve."

According to the strategy, the number of alcohol-specific hospital admissions in Kent has almost doubled from 885 in 1997-98 to 1,454 in 2006-07. Meanwhile, the number of adults undergoing treatment for alcohol misuse more than doubled from 2005-06 to 2006-07, with the number of young people in treatment increasing from 115 to 271.

The strategy also raises the concern that although fewer young people are drinking alcohol in Kent, those who do are consuming more and from an earlier age. Mrs Slaven said:

"The strategy covers everything from the health perspective in terms of admissions to hospital, to police enforcement issues and with Trading Standards regarding underage sales. It's very broad. It's both a preventative agenda and something to help us stop future generations abusing alcohol."

Visit www.kent.gov.uk and search for Kent Alcohol Strategy 2010-13.



CHEERS: Most Kentish people drink sensibly, but there are problem areas

Councils look to cross-border savings

COUNTY Hall officials are looking at teaming up with a small Surrey council in a bid to save cash.

The partnership would involve providing revenue and benefits, finance and procurement, ICT and personnel services jointly through Kent County Council, and Reigate and Banstead Borough Council.

Town halls are faced with cuts in Government grants and KCC must save £15.6 million in its 2010-11 budget.

Cabinet member for corporate support services, Cllr Roger Gough, said in difficult times working in partnership across the public sector is doubly important.

"What is key about our work with Reigate and Banstead council on future joint delivery of services is that it is very wide-ranging," he said. "So far, we have mapped out the benefits. If the change is agreed in principle, we would proceed to more detailed planning."

Cllr Joan Spiers, leader of Reigate and

Banstead council, said the partnership would help deal with the impact of the recession and local authorities' expected contribution to reducing the deficit.

She added: "KCC has an impressive track record and a partnership with it will mean these services will remain in the public sector for the foreseeable future while we benefit from the economies of scale a larger partner can bring."

A spokeswoman at Reigate and Banstead said the authority had chosen KCC over Surrey County Council due to a "shared vision".

She said: "The proposed shared service partnership for Surrey is running 18 months behind the work with Kent and does not meet Reigate and Banstead's agenda for cost reduction, improved resilience and maintaining service quality. This council and KCC share a vision of how public sector service can be delivered in the future."

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YOUR LETTERS

Israel must call a halt to blockade in Gaza

Israel is the most militarily powerful country in the Middle East.

It is heavily nuclear-armed and receives unlimited funding from the USA to pay for countless fighter jets and tanks.

Yet it blockades the Gaza Strip leaving one million Palestinian people living with chronic disease and malnutrition in squalid refugee camp conditions.

The Israeli government should call a halt to its blockade of Gaza immediately, end its brutal occupation and stop using the bible as an excuse to steal every square inch of Palestinian land for illegal Jewish settlement building.

Perhaps then they might find that Hamas will cease firing its rockets across the Israeli border.

Clive Wilkins-Oppler
Canterbury

Don't let council take control over planning

For those of you tempted by the idea of our council having greater control over planning strategy – and there seems to be an appetite some could see as an opportunity to move a proposal bit nearer to fruition (by local agreement, of course) – well here is tale to temper the clamour for local control.

Once upon a time a council consulted the residents of a city and drew up a document – they called this a Development Brief – which set down guidance on how the area would be revitalised and developed in the years ahead.

The residents were enthusiastic and delighted to see that their council had listened to them. They looked forward to much-needed homes for workers and their families, in a wonderful location with the riverside opened up for all to enjoy.

However, as the years passed the wise councillors allowed the area to be developed a little bit at a time, “as long as it was in accordance with the Development Brief”.

But this meant nothing ever quite joined up and the overall aims of that document seemed further away than ever.

The residents also saw another strange thing happen – instead of the homes being built for workers and families they were taken over by a big organisation and young people from all over the world lived in them for just a few months each year.

The residents were not happy and protested to the wise councillors, saying that they had expected family homes and said “what is built is nothing like the Development Brief intended”.

But the wise councillors could not see that there was a problem, they believed only real homes had been built, they did not much care what happened to them. They shrugged their shoulders and said

your blogger

Adrian Chiles might already be regretting his World Cup transfer to ITV, suggests Dave Mairs



IT'S all started so horribly – as deep in our hearts we knew it would.

England? Well, obviously. But, no, the really fascinating performance of our World Cup summer was always going to be that of Adrian Chiles.

Amid great fanfare, the former Match of the Day 2 and One Show host departed the BBC to host ITV's coverage of this wonderful tournament.

Born partly of a fit of pique over the lining-up of Chris Evans for his Friday night One Show appointment with Christine Bleakley, the move has begged the question: should a sports presenter ever switch sides to ITV?

The answer has invariably been 'No' – and sadly the likeable, everyman, hugely-intelligent-but-with-that-common-touch Mr Chiles appears to be following a wholly familiar and unhappy course.

Those of a certain tooth-length will remember Bob Wilson. The former Arsenal and Scotland goalkeeper chucked in his BBC frontman role to wind down his career with ITV. And wound down it certainly was – far more grimly than he could ever have envisaged.

It all concerns the crossing of an invisible line – something that transforms a man from a competent or even talented presenter to at best a nobody and at worst a clown.

In truth, Bob was never a TV natural, but while with the Beeb he did the job sufficiently in an age when expectations were lower. Once the switch to ITV was made, however, his drabness was magnified to the extent that his studio performances were an embarrassment.

It was the same with Des Lynam: OK with the BBC – next to useless with ITV.

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“it's not our fault that there are no worker and family homes available on this site”.

In the end, the wise councillors decided that after the many years of piecemeal building, the area had not ended up like the Development Brief, but it did not matter anymore. So now the wise councillors said the whole area could be developed especially for the young people from all over the world and looked after by the big organisation and just about anything could be built for them.

The residents were frustrated and annoyed, but by then they had come to realise that a local vision is not worth the paper it's written on and the wise councillors cannot be trusted to deliver it anyway.

What they needed was a wise, strong and courageous council that saw the big picture and made things happen for the many and not just the few.

Diane and Alan Baldock
Canterbury

I'm bowled over by injuries and schedule

This is a season which so far has tested us all enormously, both physically and mentally.

As captain, I am responsible for all Kent's players and they have been under huge strain with the crazy scheduling we've had to endure, plus injuries and unavailability which have taken their toll.

The last fortnight has been especially frenetic and my message to the team has been to simply get on with it and learn to live with all the things that could start to get you down.

I am fortunate in the squad has been a relatively small but tight-knit unit for some years now. We have been used to dealing with the issues of injury and workload that seem so much a part of every English domestic cricket summer.

This past week, including today, we have played three Friends Provident t20 matches in five days – at three different venues – having just finished last Monday a four-day match against Nottinghamshire at Tunbridge Wells, which came immediately after two floodlit Twenty20 matches in Essex and Hampshire on the two evenings before. Crazy!

While we were driving back from the Rose Bowl late at night, and trying to get some rest before turning up at the Nevill Ground on the Friday morning for some practice and loosening-up ahead of the first day start at noon.

They did give us an extra hour's grace at least – the Notts boys were able to have a nice lie-in having travelled down to Tunbridge Wells the day before.

But having every county operating on a level playing field does not seem to be the main consideration of the fixture-planners and, as I say, as players we just have to get on with it and try to compete as best we can.

We have kept James Tredwell,

This odd process does not even have to occur sequentially – you can witness it evolving in a strangely parallel world.

Take Gabriele Marcotti – the Italian-American football journalist you hear on BBC Radio 5 Live football debate. Here his wisdom, articulacy and passion for the game make him one of the station's strongest pundits.

Now picture him during ITV Champions League nights. It cannot be the same man, surely.

Gone is the wisdom, gone is the insight, gone is any kind of meaningful contribution. Instead we have a distressingly overweight buffoon stuck in a sofa grunting the sort of inanity you hear down the pub. Another who's crossed that invisible line.

All of which brings us back to Adrian Chiles. If anyone was going to make that transition and win, it had to be him, but already he has the haunted look of a man who has awoken to the calamitous error he has made.

He looks pained, awkward, lacking any kind of chemistry with his studio companions. Sadly missing is that easygoing, sharp patter that made Match of the Day 2 such a treat and justified a late finish to our Sunday nights.

It's no excuse to suggest the stultifying mediocrity of Andy Townsend and Gareth Southgate is simply too overwhelming – Chiles knew what he was letting himself in for. Perhaps the lure was that, in appearing next to Southgate, the only man on television uglier than himself, he would be covering the sole flaw in his armoury.

But, of course, Chiles's talented ordinariness was one of his greatest strengths.

Now, with ITV, he will just be ordinary.

who unfortunately missed out on being picked for the England one-day squad and he has teamed up well with Malinga Bandara, who I believe is going to be a very important player for us.

Malinga has settled in well, and quickly, and I was pleased that he and Tredwell enjoyed lengthy bowls in tandem against Nottinghamshire. That was good for Banda, as he needed to get some early overs under his belt in English conditions.

He strikes me as being a similar sort of cricketer to Paul Strang, the Zimbabwe leg-spinning all-rounder who was a big success in his one season at Kent as overseas player in the late 1990s.

Like Strang, Banda can also bat well and his ability to turn the ball both ways – his googly is a good one – will come in very handy during the rest of this season.

For the moment, though, this season continues to be a massive challenge for us as a team, and myself as captain.

I'm just hoping we do not pick up any more injuries and that the likes of Amjad and James Hockley are fit again after a couple of weeks.

Missing Tredwell in the early weeks of the season, because of his World Twenty20 selection, and having Robbie Joseph out injured, was balanced by Ntini's short-term signing.

But it would be nice, at some stage, to have a full-strength bowling attack available.

Rob Key, Kent captain and former England batsman

Nuclear funding could be better spent

With regard to the forthcoming Government consultation on the proposed cuts in spending – the elephant in the room; one of many no doubt – remains the insistence on going ahead with Trident nuclear missile renewal and two new aircraft carriers.

These current estimates show the likely cost to the taxpayer is well over £100 billion and rising.

Meanwhile the real, as I see it, culprits for our supposedly dire financial situation remain the bankers, boardroom bosses and their political allies in all Party's.

Why then isn't it they who should bear the main cost of repaying the tax bail-outs of the banks and their reckless casino 'adventures' on the UK's and World's stockmarkets, rather than the rest of us, especially those at the bottom?

These latter being people on low-incomes, low pensions and benefits. The last mentioned in particular are likely to face swinging attacks from the DWP – which is fast becoming known as the Dept of Workhouse and Poor-law – merely to save money despite the fact virtually all the financial experts and even benefits agency staff are saying jobs are not available anyway.

Indeed, in letters to national newspapers recently by former and serving benefits agency staff, it was pointed out that whilst there are about five million disability benefit claimants, of all types, there's barely half a million job vacancies for the around 2.5 million and rising, able minded/bodied people.

As regards those sick and disabled specifically, forcing people into penury for a long wait for a job which they probably would not want to do anyway, would only make their situations and illnesses far worse. Indeed staff at MIND centres have seen such time and again for those with mental health problems,

Further, those people on disability benefits need carrots only, not sticks, and to be placed in jobs which they both genuinely wish to do, enjoy and have an aptitude for.

A large part of the answer as I and others see it, is to cancel Trident missiles along with the carriers and put the money saved there into the proposed Green New Deal.

Recall that after World War Two it was Japan and the then West Germany who were banned from having nuclear weapons and so became the economic powerhouses of their day. Similar could happen again if we ditch nuclear.

This I suggest could help start to create decently paid jobs and training in many industries including, and especially the renewable tech and related sectors, transport and eco/social housing. Further turn all the banks into, or back into, mutuals and co-op's with their 'casino' operations separated off and run at their own risk entirely.

So don't get browbeaten by Cameron's scare tactics get active in promoting the better alternatives.

Ray Duff
by email

Women set to reveal full horror of being forced into marriage

SURVIVORS of forced marriages are to reveal their heartbreaking ordeals as part of a pioneering roadshow touring the most at-need areas of the country.

National charity Karma Nirvana, which supports victims of forced marriages and honour based-abuse, highlighted Kent as one of 11 places that would benefit from the event, with its large Asian community in the north of the county.

Anna Hardy, from the Derby-based organisation, said host areas were also selected in relation to the number of calls received through the charity's helpline.

"We get a breakdown of all the places we receive calls from and Kent was one those," she said.

"We're holding the roadshows in the run-up to the summer holidays as it's usually the busiest period for us."

Young people are most at risk of forced marriages over the summer holidays.

In June last year, the charity's helpline received more than 750 calls – double the normal monthly average.

A Home Affairs Select Committee report also found that in 2008, 2,000 school students went missing nationally, with a large number from ethnic minority communities believed to be forced into marriage.

■ BY MARIJKE COX

Forced marriages are different from arranged marriages, where both parties give consent. Often victims are taken abroad and some are subjected to a life of abuse.

Gurvinda Sandher, assistant director of the Kent Equality Cohesion Council, said that in March the organisation held the Listen to Our Voices Women's event which addressed domestic abuse and forced marriages.

It was held in Gravesham, which has one of the largest Asian communities in Kent, and is home to the new Sikh temple.

More than 300 women and young girls attended and Mr Sandher said it was positive to see so many people there.

"If you look at forced marriages, times have changed, but from time to time they are taking place," he said. "We need to raise awareness, not just with forced marriages, but with domestic violence too – these are things that are not really spoken about by people."

The Kent Karma Nirvana roadshow – which has no spaces left – will be at the police college in Maidstone tomorrow (Thursday).

Det Supt Maria Shepherd, head of the Public Protection Unit at Kent Police, thanked Karma Nirvana for helping agencies better understand the needs of specific communities through its roadshow.



AWARENESS: The roadshow is coming to Kent because of its large Asian population

"Everyone has the right to live their life free from fear and violence," she said. "Domestic abuse can happen in any home, regardless of race, sexuality, age, class or educational level."

"There is a lot of under-reporting in Kent and Medway. It is vital the public has confidence in Kent Police to deal with domestic abuse and we encourage victims to come forward and report this horrendous crime."

In 2008, the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007 was passed, allowing family courts to make protection orders for victims. These can prevent a marriage from taking place or stop someone from being taken abroad.

Those who break the order face a prison sentence of up to two years.

• **Call the Karma Nirvana helpline on 01332 604098 or 0800 5999 247 or see www.karnanirvana.org.uk for details.**

Military veterans on the wrong arm of law

A CHARITY has explained shocking arrest figures for ex-military personnel, claiming the stress of being a 'killing machine' can get too much.

Death of comrades and difficulty in adjusting back to civilian life were also blamed by the Soldiers, Sailors, Airman and Families Association (SSAFA) Forces Help for the high number of servicemen in trouble with the law.

The alarming figures released by Kent Police and SSAFA revealed how in just three months, between April 12-June 6, 232 former and current servicemen were arrested – an average of four a day – with a third for violent crime.

The majority were men aged 18-29 and almost half were unemployed.

Kent Police is the first force in the country to carry out such a study, adapting its custody computer system to ask detained people if they were ex-forces.

Difficulties

Kent soldiers are based at Shorncliffe Barracks, Folkestone; Howe Barracks, Canterbury; Brompton Barracks, Medway; and Invicta Army Barracks, Maidstone.

Supt Neil Jerome said the force recognised that some former military personnel faced difficulties after service.

"We have recognised the need to use specialised knowledge to support ex-service personnel, who may have had considerable difficulties following experiences in combat and adjusting to life outside the Armed Forces," he said.

Ex-military personnel arrested in Kent are given information before release offering contacts for support groups and organisations.

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It recently added an old-fashioned sweet shop within the store which is proving popular, with traditional favourites such as liquorice comfits, flying saucers and aniseed balls, to name a few.

There is also a cake craft shop and the Made in Canterbury range of handmade gifts, so it is really six shops in one: cheesemonger, delicatessen, sweet shop, cake shop, gifts and café.

Staff at Mama Feelgood's café are ready for summer, with a new outdoor seating area overlooking rolling countryside – perfect for a relaxing lunch or an ice cream sundae.

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SCREENWRITER Gary Young will be signing copies of his latest graphic novel at Whatever Comics this weekend.

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For more information call Whatever Comics on 01227 453226.

Boot scoot to dance

KICK up your heels on Friday (Jun 25) when the Faversham Society hosts a barn dance in Throwley.

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the evening and keeping the laughter flowing between acts. His high energy act and likeable persona produced his first Edinburgh Festival Fringe show, Kevin Shepherd: Comics Die in Hot Cars and his career has even taken him to Bahrain.

Since launching his career eight years ago, opening act Liam Mullone has charmed audiences with his surreal flights of fancy and sharp linguistic ability. Having progressed far in several major competitions, he is become a comic force to be reckoned with and is heading for big things.

As well as making people laugh, headliner Eddy Brimson has also ventured into acting and appeared on a variety of television shows such as Absolutely Fabulous, The Thin Blue Line, Casualty, The Bill and Eastenders. He will also be familiar for regular talking head appearances on radio and TV programmes, plus he has written a series of humorous books featuring his anecdotes and stories.

The line-up for Ashford's Comedy Club on Friday is just as impressive, with the warm and witty John Ryan acting as MC for the night. With his encyclopaedic intelligence and engaging personality, Ryan is able to connect with any audience. His interest in health led to a successful show about men's physical issues, through ongoing projects with the London Science Museum and Unison.

During his seven-year career, Gerry K has built a reputation for being one of the circuit's most energetic and likeable comics. Combining his honest and observational humour with a charming persona, he has won a number of awards and has co-hosted the football forum for Zoo Magazine.

Award-winning comedian, singer and songwriter Richard Morton has made many televi-

sion appearances and is a regular on Channel Five, as well as landing his own half-hour special, Richard Morton Live at the Comedy Store. His CV boasts appearances on Jack Dee's Saturday Night, Funny Business, The Stand-Up Show and the Jack Docherty Chat Show.

The show at Ramada Dover starts at 9pm and doors open at 7pm. Tickets cost £12 for the comedy only or comedy fans can add a two-course meal costing £20 inclusive. To book tickets call 01304 872843 or email events@ramadadover.co.uk.

Ashford International Hotel's show also starts at 9pm and tickets cost £14 for the comedy or £20 to include a two-course meal, £18 for Comedy Club members. Tickets can be booked by calling 01233 219988. Accommodation, ticket and meal deals are also on offer at both hotels, contact the venue for further information.

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Created by guitarist Mike 'Fender' Black, the show has been running for five years and has been described by critics as 'the most ambitious show seen outside the West End'. So find those old drape jackets and circle skirts,

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From the likes of Buddy Holly, Billy Haley and Eddie Cochran to Brenda Lee and Connie Francis, the show includes tributes to many legends of the era. With numerous costume changes and great lighting, the show is packed with unforgettable hits like Rock Around the Clock, Three Steps to Heaven, Oh Boy! and Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £15. To book call the box office on 01843 591750.



LOUNGE ON THE FARM

Friday, July 9 to Sunday, July 11, Merton Farm, Canterbury



AMONG the many diverse acts due to appear at this year's Lounge on the Farm, Toots and the Maytals will be a reggae highlight.

The award-winning festival has assembled a stellar line-up of performers in a wide variety of genres and on Sunday, July 11, some real ska-reggae legends will take to the stage at the Cow Shed. Since the early beginnings of ska in the 1960s, Toots and the Maytals have been at the forefront of the movement and made some of the most enduringly popular and recognisable tunes in their field.

Originally known as The Maytals, the band will be visiting Canterbury with original singer Frederick 'Toots' Hibbert at the microphone, giving festival-goers the chance to hear some reggae classics performed live. The band is sure to delight established fans and win new admirers with live renditions of Pressure Drop, Sweet and Dandy, Monkey Man and 54-46 Was My Number.

Toots and the Maytals perform at 8.20pm on Sunday, July 11. Adult tickets cost £40 for one day and £95 for the weekend. To book call 0844 888 9991 or visit www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk.

IT'S NOT JUST BOYS' FUN

Friday, June 25, Westcoast, Margate



GIRLS will be having all the fun when Westcoast presents a celebration of female music talent.

Determined to show that women can rock out just as much as men, the organiser decided to present a night of great female acts for It's Not Just Boys' Fun.

Four fantastic bands will be hitting all the right notes on Friday and hopefully inspiring other ladies to get into the groove and form a band.

The headline act will be old-school rock trio STARK, an original and fun band from New York City. Formed in 2003, the band is fronted by Lani Ford who had already been playing bass and singing with other groups and is also an actress, radio DJ and weather presenter on Fox TV.

The bright and energetic Girlfixer draw their influences from bands like The Distillers and will galvanise the crowd with their brand of punk rock.

Also on the bill is local acoustic duo Light Enthusiasm, which plays a mixture of cover versions and original songs.

New wave punk band Tiny Tigers will open the show, which starts at 7.30pm.

Admission costs £4.



HAITI BENEFIT CONCERT

Saturday, June 26 and Sunday, June 27

Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs



CELEBRATE the arts while raising money for a good cause when Sarah Thorne Theatre Club hosts a Haiti benefit concert on Saturday.

Inscribing the Island Literature presents an entertaining evening of music, song, dance and the spoken word in aid of those affected by the disastrous earthquake in Haiti earlier this year. Performers include guitarist Sam Palacios, soloist Kanisia Mounty, poets Maggie Harris, Vicky Wilson and Michael Curtis, Thanet Write Women, storyteller Adrian O, The Broadstairs Gospel Choir and Masque Theatre School.

The event, which starts at 7pm, will also mark the launch of the anthology, 60 Poems for Haiti and tickets cost £8.

On Sunday, the current series of Sarah Thorne Spring Classical Concerts will end with performances by flautist Hanah Lang and pianist Peter Hewitt, playing works by Bach, Mozart and Faure.

The concert starts at 3pm and tickets cost £8 for adults and £5 for children. To book call 0845 262 6263 or reserve seats by emailing info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk. Non-members must book at least 24 hours in advance.

DAVID JONES

Tuesday, June 29

White Lion Saddlery, Tenterden



FOLK singer David Jones travels all the way from the US to perform for Tenterden Folk Club next week.

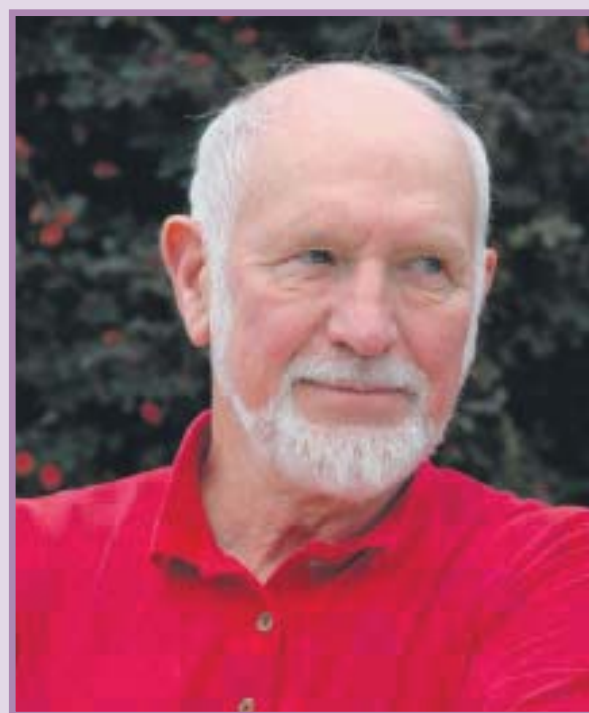
The English-born performer now lives in New Jersey and has amassed a strong repertoire of songs from both sides of the Atlantic. His career has also taken him to Europe and Australia, singing numbers from the great maritime tradition, ballads and contemporary works.

With the ability to perform both with guitar accompaniment and a capella, Jones is a compelling performer who encourages his audiences to join in the fun.

During his career Jones has worked with a variety of impressive names, such as Jeff Warner, Jeff Davis and Jerry Epstein as the Bermuda Quadrangle. He sang with the late Tom Gibney as Poor Old Horse and he continues to perform as a duo with Heather Wood.

As well as being a highly respected singer, Jones is also an actor and he has appeared in many theatre and broadcast productions in the US.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £6 in advance or £7 on the door. To book call 01233 626805 or email info@tenterdenfolk-festival.org.uk.



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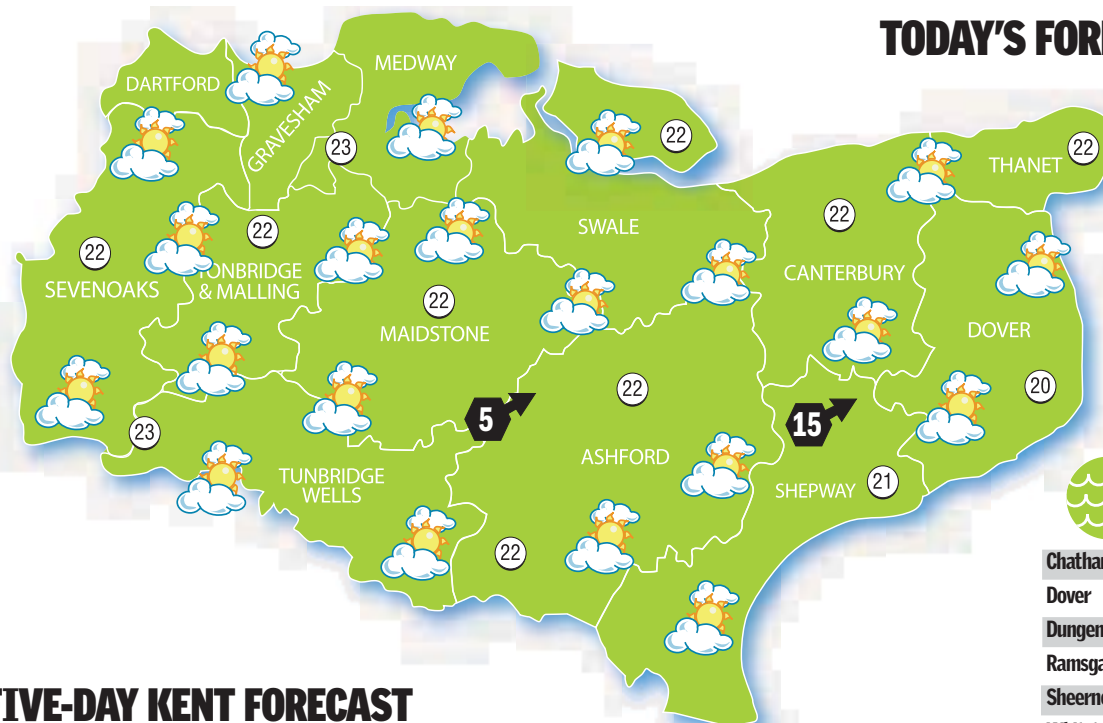
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For the first time, Jacques Vert is extending its size range to size 24, as well as creating new styles such as a flowing overshirt in suedette or chiffon to flatter a larger frame. As always, each capsule story is accompanied by perfectly coordinating accessories in matching hues and patterns. Find fabulous hats, chic fascinators for understated elegance, beautifully designed clutch and evening bags and elegant yet practical shoes in matching fabrics or in leather crafted in Italy.

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Musicians will take over castle



SCHOOL OF ROCK: Pupils from across Medway will be performing on the outdoor stage

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE School of Rock will once again take over Rochester Castle next month for the annual Under Siege one-dayer.

Pupils from schools across Medway will perform on a large outdoor stage in the picturesque surrounds of the historic Norman keep on Sunday, July 18 – the day after the castle plays host to the final Summer Concert.

The bill boasts a total of 17 acts, including jazz/funk artist Jack Holton, classical soloist Tabitha Reynolds and MidKent College's R&B stars The Fellowship.

Folk outfit Autumn Venture, made up of musicians from Rochester Math, Rochester Grammar School and Chatham Grammar School for Boys, will also appear.

Lead singer Tom Heath, 16, said the band were ready to perform at their biggest gig to date.

He said: "We think the nerves will hit us on the day when we see the stage up close. We have been practising with live audiences at gigs and jam nights to prepare."

MidKent College's Bekki Lowings, also 16, said she was looking forward to performing musical theatre at the castle.

"I'm very excited," she said. "It's a massive audience and everyone I know will be there."

Under Siege gives up-and-coming artists and bands from across Medway the chance to perform on the Castle Concerts stage with professional equipment and an experienced crew on hand.

Medway Council leader Rodney Chambers said: "This year we have been able to give even more young people the chance to perform in a professional environment and in front of a large audience."

"Under Siege continues to go from strength to strength, showcasing the enormous range of talent we have in Medway, and I am sure that this year's event will be the best yet."

Medway Council's community services boss Howard Doe added:

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- 5 Save Target As - You've Got Me (from Deal)

"This is a wonderful event which perfectly rounds off the Castle Concerts season."

"I hope everyone will come along and enjoy seeing and hearing the young people perform."

Under Siege will take place from 1pm-3.30pm (gates open 12noon) and admission is free. For details visit www.castleconcerts.co.uk.

The concert is being organised by Medway Council in partnership with Mid Kent College and Training Them Live.



LEARNING THE ROPES: John Fahey, centre, learns the art of scuba-diving with the Buccaneer Diving School in the three-star hotel Mnarani

yourgetaways

Plumbing the depths proves an enlightening experience

■ BY JOHN FAHEY

GASPING for air in the glistening infinity pool of Kenya's Mnarani Beach Club, I decided clear scuba-diving was not my bag.

Unable to get a mouthpiece between my lips without gagging, there was little hope of going under the water, let alone 'diving' in the Indian Ocean off Kilifi Creek, near Mombasa.

Relaxing poolside in the 35C heat – in early December – would be my concession to the waves. Or, so I dreamed for a few seconds as a childhood fear water got the better of me.

I was in Kenya as a watersports virgin keen to dip my paddle for the first time.

Neilson, an operator specialising in winter and watersports holidays, found an absolute gem with the Mnarani. The three-star hotel, 50 kilometres north of Mombasa, is an idyllic beachside retreat – complete with sailing, diving, windsurfing, canoeing, waterskiing, wakeboarding, snorkelling and mountain-biking.

Every sport is on offer for the experienced and the, like me, totally inexperienced. But it wouldn't always be like that as my introductory pool session continued.

Tim Nderito-Rendell, Buccaneer Diving School manager, based on the hotel's beach, didn't seem too worried.

Eventually, after learning the rudiments, I was chugging out to sea and nervously thinking what to do if I lost my airpipe or got a mask full of the ocean's turquoise finest.

We sailed out to Bofa Lagoon. It seemed in the middle of the Indian Ocean, but was actually only 20 minutes out and, thank God, only

FACT FILE: KENYA

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John Fahey was a guest of Neilson Active Holidays, which offers seven nights at the Mnarani Beachclub in Kilifi from £709, including return flights between Gatwick and Mombasa, transfers, club board (daily breakfast, three lunches, four dinners), windsurfing, dinghy-sailing, RYA tuition and RYA courses, guided mountain-biking, kayaking, a 'try dive' and children's clubs (five to 14 years).

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seven or eight metres deep. Entering the water, I held the anchor chain as Tim reassured me and monitored my descent. Calming down, I was privy to the hidden world of the sea bed.

I saw wrass, chocolate dips, lion fish, sealslugs, golden leaf fish and plenty more as well as a carnival of coral – psychedelic in its colours.

There are 4,600 species of fish living in Kenya's diving waters – the Red Sea has half that and the Caribbean just a quarter.

Fifty minutes exploring the seabed passed in a flash of neon fishes and I emerged from the water feeling elated that I'd overcome my fears.

After lunch on the Mnarani's secluded and private sandy cove beach bar it was time for dinghy-sailing.

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Roberts had me criss-crossing the creek for an hour, learning to tack and gyb – turning up and down wind – and learning to say "a flappy sail is not a happy sail". Despite no experience of sailing, I was surprised by how much I enjoyed it – and what I learned in a short period.

Most nights entertainment is provided too – I especially enjoyed the Mozambique Boys, a group of acrobats actually from Kilifi, and with the kind of talent that would win any of Britain's prime-time shows.

For one meal at Kilifi Boatyard, we rode on mountain bikes through shanty villages. Kenya is achingly poor, and we cycled through sandy alleys where communities existed in ramshackle huts.

After lunch I kayaked the 3km back to the hotel. At last, I had found something at which I seemed to excel.

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Research suggests we could be heading for a market double dip

HOUSE prices could be set for a slow-down in the second half of the year after figures from Halifax showed they fell by 0.4 per cent last month.

The picture was supported by data from Nationwide, Britain's biggest building society, which recorded growth of a mere 0.5 per cent in May — less than half the 1.1 per cent gain in April.

Also, the annual rate of house price inflation dropped back to 9.8 per cent from 10.5 per cent in April, raising fears of a double dip for the property market.

Prediction

Ed Stansfield of Capital Economics said: "It is still early days but our prediction last month that April would be the high-water mark for house price inflation appears to have been borne out. House prices continue to rise but easing supply shortages, overvaluation and, of course, the weak economic backdrop all argue for renewed falls later this year."

But other analysts are more positive with Martin Gahbauer, Nationwide's chief economist, predicting prices will rise modestly over the year.

He said: "Housing market conditions remain characterised by thin transaction volumes and a relative scarcity of properties for sale, despite a slow return of more sellers in recent months."

Going it alone could be harder as prices rise

MORE than a third of people — 37 per cent — who purchased a new home over the last four years bought it on their own, new research shows.

Just under a third — 29 per cent — waited until they were married before making their first foray into the housing market since 2006, according to a recent Santander survey.

This is a stark contrast to trends before the 1970s, when 84 per cent of people bought their first home with their spouse, while only ten per cent of first-time buyers bought on their own before 1980.

However, house prices are on the rise again, which could make it harder for couples or singletons to buy a property.

The latest figures from the Land Registry indicate that April house prices were 0.2 per cent higher than in March, with the average home now costing £165,596.



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MARKET BOOST: The number of homes being put up for sale has risen by a third since May 20, when ministers called time on Home Information Packs giving the market a boost

HIPs scrappage has given legs to property market

■ BY NICK AMES

Hinks Residential Property Department, believes that HIPs were a significant barrier, particularly to home owners who wanted to test the state of the property market.

Ms Neilson said: "Many speculative sellers were put off from putting their house on the market by the cost of commissioning a HIP, which could run to several hundred pounds."

"Now this barrier has been removed, home owners are more likely to put their house up

for sale to see if there is any interest, which should help stimulate the market."

"There are other obstacles that need addressing such as a lack of mortgage finance — an issue particularly affecting first-time buyers — which would further support a revival in the housing market. However, the decision to waive the need for a HIP is a step in the right direction."

However house sellers are reminded that they still need an Energy Performance Certificate, which was previously part of the HIP and is valid for 10 years.

Asset sales rise could be damaging

THE commercial property industry is warning a sharp rise in distressed asset sales could damage a recovery in the market.

Oliver Gilmartin, senior economist at the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), which conducted a survey into trends, said distressed asset sales are a "thunderous cloud which overhangs the market".

In the UK, 42 per cent more property professionals fear a rise in distressed asset sales in the second quarter of 2010 than a fall, compared to a net balance of 14 per cent

for the first quarter.

About £228 billion of property debt is outstanding in the UK, according to a study by experts with £50bn of loans in debt or in breach of terms, following a sharp downturn in values between 2007 and 2009.

Property agents are concerned many of the assets behind these loans could be put up for sale by banks keen to cut their exposure to the sector and increase funds for new lending. An increase in supply of properties for sale may cause property values to fall if the demand is not there to meet it.

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CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Kent League Division One

Folkestone 1st XI v Whitstable 1st XI

AN EVENLY poised game at Cheriton Road was interrupted by the weather, with both sides arguably feeling they would have gone on to win.

The downpour which affected several games in the area came half-way through Whitstable's reply, with the visitors still needing another 109 runs to win with seven wickets in hand.

The home side opted to bat after winning the toss, but lost their openers cheaply as both were caught off Ben Trott's bowling.

The backbone of Folkestone's innings was a third-wicket partnership between Himanshu Waingarakar and Joshua Bryen.

Waingarkar played an anchor role, taking 91 balls to reach 35, while Bryen dominated the scoring. The number four hit 103 from 98 balls as he went on to share another useful stand with Stuart Graham (47 not out).

Despite their efforts, Folkestone could only finish on 214 for 5. Whitstable went into the game top of Division One and must have fancied their chances of making it five wins from seven games.

Their opening pair found it difficult to score early on before both were dismissed with just 36 runs on the board.

Sam Denly (29 not out) and David Draper (41) put on 70 for the third wicket, leaving the game in the balance. The breakthrough by John Champion was swiftly followed by the rain, which brought a premature finish.

Victory hopes down the drain as heavens open



LONG WALK: Whitstable regroup after claiming the prize wicket of Himanshu Waingarakar

SCORE CARD

Folkestone 1st XI

	Runs
David Miles ct Lewis b Trott	6
Luke Sage ct Draper b Trott	11
Himanshu Waingankar b Hardy	35
Joshua Bryen run out	103
Stuart Graham not out	47
Nick Graham ct Campbell b Hardy	0
Andy Bray st Denly b Hardy	3
Jamie Dawes not out	6
Michael James did not bat	
John Champion did not bat	
Nathan Smith did not bat	
Extras (3w)	3
Total (5 wickets, 47 overs)	214

Bowlers		O	M	R	W
Ben Trott		15	4	67	2
Max Campbell		6	0	19	0
Elliot Lewis		4	0	16	0
Josh Gould		2	0	18	0
Duncan Hardy		3	2	43	3
James Loader		4	0	29	0
A Ainscough		3	0	22	0

Whitstable 1st XI

	Runs
Max Campbell b James	17
Tom Richardson st Graham b Waingankar	6
Sam Denly not out	29
David Draper b Champion	41
Amadou Ainscough not out	0
Ben Trott did not bat	
James Loader did not bat	
Elliot Lewis did not bat	
Dean Lewis did not bat	
Josh Gould did not bat	
Duncan Hardy did not bat	
Extras (7lb 2w 4nb)	13
Total (3 wickets, 28.5 overs)	106

Bowlers		O	M	R	W
Michael James		10	0	33	1
H Waingankar		13	5	30	1
John Champion		4.5	1	7	1
Andy Bray		1	0	29	0

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Canterbury 1st XI v Beckenham 1st XI

THE weather intervened at just the wrong time for Canterbury on Saturday as they were denied victory against Beckenham.

The visitors looked set for a big total as their openers tucked in, with Chris Isles going on to make 122 before he was caught off Stuart Drakeley's bowling. Both Drakeley and Tim Wren took two wickets apiece as Beckenham closed on 246 for 5. After losing an early wicket Canterbury took control, led by Paul Steer (132 not out). They were 26 runs short with eight wickets in hand when the elements intervened.

Beckenham 1st XI

	Runs
Chris Isles	122
Jason Billimoria	40
James Evans	10
Olly Waite	35
Charlie Le Bosquet	9
Duncan Spencer	7
Ankit Patel	1
Ross Piller	
Ashley Forde	
Mushie Punjabi	
Mudit Dayal	
Extras (8b 1lb 13w)	22
Total (5 wickets, 50 overs)	246

Bowlers		O	M	R	W
Ben Clarke		3	0	18	0
Tom Austen		3	0	30	0
Stuart Drakeley		13	1	54	2
Ben Cooper		13	1	56	1
Tim Wren		14	3	53	2
Luke Samarasinghe		4	0	26	0

Canterbury 1st XI

	Runs
Neil Kimberley	62
Stuart Drakeley	4
Paul Steer	132
Luke Samarasinghe	11
Stuart Sinclair	
Simon Smith	
Tom Rose	
Ben Clarke	
Tim Wren	
Tom Austen	
Ben Cooper	
Extras (2b 6lb 4w)	12
Total (2 wickets, 35 overs)	221

Bowlers		O	M	R	W
Ashley Forde		4	1	30	0
Ankit Patel		12	3	79	1
Chris Isles		5	0	33	1
Mudit Dayal		7	1	43	0
Jason Billimoria		6	0	28	0

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Bromley 1st XI v St Lawrence 1st XI

CENTURIES from Daniel Stickels and Paul Dixey gave St Lawrence & Highland Court a superb eight-wicket victory at Bromley to go top of the table.

The hosts set a competitive 276 for 3 from their 55 overs. Both Miguel Barbosa and Rob Ferley hit centuries, with only James Lilley (2 for 27) looking threatening with the ball.

St Lawrence lost Matthew Lincoln early on but Kent 2nd XI duo Stickels and Dixey put on 160 for the second wicket. After Stickels was out for 104, Dixey (118 not out) steered them home with more than ten overs to spare.

Bromley 1st XI

	Runs
James Goodman	19
Miguel Barbosa	100
Robert Ferley	113
Matthew Dennington	6
Nicholas Bluet	13
Chris Harris	10
Grant Sheen	
Gaurav Dhar	
Stephen Bailes	
Ricardo Anderson	
Edward Giddins	
Extras (1b 6lb 6w 2nb)	15
Total (3 wickets, 55 overs)	276

Bowlers		O	M	R	W
Luke Rumbelow		12	0	57	0
Matthew Lincoln		15	1	29	0
Kit Sims		8	0	52	0
Benjamin Easter		13	0	85	0
Alex Reese		3	0	19	0
James Lilley		4	0	27	2

St Lawrence & Highland Court 1st XI

	Runs
Matthew Lincoln	4
Daniel Stickels	104
Paul Dixey	118
Lewis Jenkins	27
Shannon Fattore	
Stuart Paine	
Alex Reese	
James Lilley	
Benjamin Easter	
Kit Sims	
Luke Rumbelow	
Extras (2b 4lb 16w 3nb)	25
Total (2 wickets, 44.4 overs)	278

Bowlers		O	M	R	W
Edward Giddins		9.4	1	65	0
Ricardo Anderson		9	0	53	1
Matthew Dennington		7	0	46	0
Robert Ferley		5	0	35	0
Chris Harris		7	0	43	0
Grant Sheen		4	0	14	1
Gaurav Dhar		3	0	16	0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Chestfield 1st XI v Addington Village 1st XI

AN EXCELLENT display with the ball was not matched with the bat as Chestfield lost to promotion hopefuls Addington Village by 29 runs.

The visitors' batsmen all made useful contributions, although none were able to pass 50. The solid foundations were uprooted by devastating spells by Joshua Lock (5 for 38) and Varun Thaker (4 for 48), which saw Addington all out for 187. Chestfield's chances of an upset were dented almost immediately as they were reduced to 27 for 3.

Simon Buckingham (29) led the resistance, but their last four wickets fell for just eight runs.

Addington Village 1st XI

	Runs
Will Jeffery	44
Ben Buet	17
Joe Pigott	39
Ray Van Schoor	39
Neil Scott	38
Duncan Brown	4
James Tooze	0
Tom Nissen	0
Tom Down	6
Dan Walton	1
Simon Briley	2
Extras (8b 3lb 6w)	17
Total (all out, 47 overs)	187

Bowlers		O	M	R	W
Steve Lewis		15	4	40	1
Varun Thaker		13	1	48	4
Simon Buckingham		10	0	50	0
Joshua Lock		9	0	38	5

Chestfield 1st XI

	Runs
Stephen Cox	9
Joshua Lock	6
Michael Ralphs	5
Paul Gibson	22
Simon Buckingham	29
Shane Moody-Smith	10
Varun Thaker	17
Andrew Cox	12
Steve Lewis	12
Brian Moody-Smith	0
Peter Smith	0
Extras (3b 5lb 28w)	36
Total (all out, 49.1 overs)	158

Bowlers		O	M	R	W
Joe Pigott		7	0	15	2
Tom Nissen		10	3	27	1
Dan Walton		9	2	33	1
Simon Briley		1	0	10	0
Neil Scott		7	0	28	2
Ray Van Schoor		9	0	22	2
Duncan Brown		6.1	0	15	2

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE PREMIER

Old Brockleians 1st XI v Nonington 1st XI

NONINGTON slipped off the promotion pace as they lost to Old Brockleians by 74 runs.

The game began well for Nonington, with Rob Paton and Carl Knowles taking early wickets. Jake Reeves' century, supported by Paul Reeves (58) saw the contest swing towards the hosts as they declared on 231 for 9.

Matt Sadler (53) and Kieron Burrett (27) got the reply off to a good start, but after their departure there was precious little resistance as Old Brockleians closed out a comprehensive victory.

Old Brockleians 1st XI

	Runs
Stuart Semple	5
Ainsley Dummer	0
Conal Howells	0
Jake Reeves	100
Paul Reeves	58
Oliver Barnes	22
Sam Cardiner	9
Deepak Gautam	4
Eddie Holder	4
Andy Cripps	5
Devon Carr	0
Extras	24
Total (9 wickets dec, 45.3 overs)	231

Bowlers		O	M	R	W
Rob Paton		12	1	52	3
Carl Knowles		7.3	2	20	3
James Sadler		3	0	19	0
Matt Sadler		5	0	23	1
Ross Griggs		12	1	52	1
David Luckhurst		6	0	35	1

Nonington 1st XI

	Runs
James Sadler	16
Matt Sadler	53
Kieron Burrett	27
Josh Cole	1
Rob Paton	4
Gary Coulson	18
Ross Griggs	17
Carl Knowles	9
Adam Kent	0
David Luckhurst	1
Stephen Coulson	
Extras	11
Total (8 wickets, 46 overs)	157

Bowlers		O	M	R	W
Conal Howells		8	1	35	0
Andy Cripps		9	2	28	1
Oliver Barnes		12	1	28	1
Paul Reeves		12	1	40	4
Devon Carr		4	1	20	1
Ainsley Dummer		1	0	2	0

Big guns need to halt Spitfires' t20 tailspin

CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

KENT Spitfires could be boosted by the return of Joe Denly and Amjad Khan for today's visit of the Surrey Lions to help inject some life into their flagging Friends Provident t20 campaign.

Back-to-back defeats to the Lions on Friday night and the Somerset Sabres on Sunday left Rob Key's side second bottom in the South Group and in need of a win to keep their hopes of qualification alive.

Key could be joined at the top of the order by Denly, who missed the last two games with a calf strain, while Khan is nearing a return after picking up a hamstring injury in the championship game against Nottinghamshire at Tunbridge Wells.

After a poor start to this year's 20-over competition, the Lions arrive at Beckenham this evening in good form having comfortably beaten Kent by 15 runs at The Oval on Friday night.

That defeat for the Spitfires, combined with a crushing 84-run loss to Somerset at



HITTING OUT: Kent Spitfires' Alex Blake during the defeat to Somerset Sabres at Beckenham on Sunday

Beckenham on Sunday, has left Key's side second bottom, but still only two points behind third-placed Essex.

With Denly and Khan back fit and available, Kent may also be able to call on fast bowler Robbie Joseph soon, who is scheduled for a return to action in the game against Pakistan at Canterbury on Monday.

Joseph has been sidelined since mid-June last year after undergoing surgery on a shoulder injury and although he made an appearance for the second-team this summer, a build up of fluid on the shoulder joint has interrupted his progress.

However, the 28-year-old has continued his work with Kent physio Nimmo Reid and the county have pencilled in a first-class return for the LV= County Championship game against Hampshire at the Rose Bowl, providing he comes through the three-day match with Pakistan on Monday unscathed.

Head coach Paul Farbrace said: "If he comes through that nicely we are hoping he will be available to play in the championship game at the Rose Bowl the following week."

"If we can get him back then that would really take some pressure of our bowling attack and we may be in that luxurious position of being able to rotate our seamers for the second half of the season."

"It would be great for him as he hasn't played for a year."

Play against the Lions takes place at 5.30pm at the Worsley Bridge Road ground in Beckenham.

CYCLING



GEARING UP: Kristian House (in white) will defend his national title in Lancashire on Sunday

House homing in on defence of his title

AFTER a year as British national road racing champion, Kristian House defends his title in Lancashire this weekend looking for a repeat of his sensational victory 12 months ago.

The Rapha Condor Sharp rider stunned a field, which included household names Mark Cavendish and Bradley Wiggins, to sprint clear and snatch the biggest title of his career in Abergavenny.

Looking back on the afternoon, House, who was brought up in Aylesham, vividly remembers the final stages of the eventful 104-mile race.

"I just put my head down and went for the line, when I crossed it I didn't believe what had just happened," he said. "It still gives me goosebumps thinking about it now."

As national champion House has had the honour of wearing a special white jersey, which he will relinquish if he is unable to successfully defend his title in Nelson on Sunday.

The 30-year-old has enjoyed his 12 months in the limelight and has at times been stunned by the level of support he has received.

He said: "In Japan last month we were waiting for one of the stages to start and five or six people came over wearing the replica jersey. It's very humbling when things like that happen."

"It's something I'll have for the rest of my life, not just for this one year. It will be sad to not put the jersey on if I don't defend it successfully, but that's the way it goes."

Despite being defending champion, House may well be detailed to play a supporting role for his team-mates. As someone with a strong team ethic, he insists it is right not to receive any preferential treatment from his team.

He said: "I won't want it to work like that. If I get my opportunity I'll try and take it, but we have a very strong team. It's a one-day race and I'm sure people will have jobs."

ROWING



BRONZE MEDAL: Dan Ritchie

We were off the pace, says Ritchie

AFTER helping Great Britain's men's eight to victory in the first Rowing World Cup regatta last month, Dan Ritchie was deflated to only pick up bronze in the second meeting last weekend.

The 23-year-old, from Herne Bay, was part of the successful crew which stormed to take gold at Lake Bled in Slovenia. Hopes were high of a repeat performance in Munich, Germany, but in the final it was a different matter and they trailed the entire field after 500m. They steadily came through the pack, but left themselves too much water to make up on the leaders. Great Britain just pipped Poland for bronze, but were six seconds off the pace of winners Germany.

Ritchie admitted it had not gone to plan. He said: "That wasn't our best race. We couldn't sustain our pace and we didn't have the same devastating push we had in Bled."

England Lions squad call rewards Stevens

CRICKET

KENT'S Darren Stevens has been rewarded for a glittering summer in county cricket with a call-up to the England Lions squad for a triangular series with a side from the West Indies and India.

The all-rounder has been in electric form for Kent this season and leads the first-class batting averages this summer with 81.11, having hit four hundreds and two half-centuries, prompting the selectors to name him in the squad.

There were raised eyebrows when Stevens wasn't part of the England squad for the ICC World Twenty20, but his inclusion in the Lions squad for the four games against West Indies A and India A that start next week, shows the selectors have been watching him this summer.

Stevens' team-mate at Kent, James Tredwell, is also included in the side which, while good news for them, means the county side will be without two of their senior players for two crucial weeks of the season.

Despite that, skipper Rob Key was delighted Stevens has finally been rewarded for his good form. "This is well deserved for Darren because he is a quality player," he said.

"Hopefully a place in the Lions squad will be a quick stepping stone for him because I feel he deserves to be in the full England side."

ECB national selector Geoff Miller added: "This triangular series presents the England Lions squad with an excellent opportunity to demonstrate their abilities in the one-day format and challenge for a place in the senior side."



BIG CHANCE: Kent all-rounder Darren Stevens

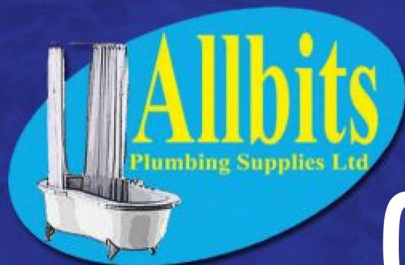
"Alastair Cook will have an opportunity to gain further experience as captain after successful spells as captain with both England and England Lions and he will lead a side that includes six of the squad members involved in the one-day series against Pakistan A in February. We are pleased to welcome Darren Stevens to the squad who has been rewarded for his impressive form with Kent this season."

The Lions' first game is against West Indies A on Tuesday at Northampton.

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